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Credits 6	4/4 a 4/4
On Calcutta, 3 days' sight, Rs. 219	
„ Bombay, 3 days' sight, Rs. 218	
„ Shanghai, 3 days' sight Bank Tls. 72	
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B.,	111 per c.
Sycee,	91 per c. p.
Mexicans,	2 per c. p.
Gold Leaf,	23.40 per t.
Gold Bar, 98 touch,	25.80
English Sovereigns,	4.87
Australian Sovereigns,	
Discount,	9

Gas Company Shares, 40 per Share.	
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Barometer,	30.020 29.0

Attached Thermometer,	62	68	—
Dry Bulb,	64.0	70.0	—
Wet Bulb,	62.0	66.0	—
Maximum S. Rgr.,	—	71.0	—
Minimum S. Rgr.,	53.0	—	—
Max. Sun's Rays,	—	85.0	—
Minimum on Grass,	55.0	—	—
Previous Rain on Grov.,	0.00	—	—
24 hours,	0.00	—	—
Wind,	N.E.	E.	2
Force,	3	2	—
Cloud,	8	4	—
Ozone,	6	4	—
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GIBB.—On the 8th Nov., at his residence, The Grove, Raunsey, Isle of Man, Mr. James Gibb, one of the oldest merchants and shipowners belonging to the port of Liverpool, aged 74.

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The precautions taken by the Hong Kong Government may be very simply described. To begin with, it is laid down that nobody should take a bad dollar can help it, but the idea of prosecution

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clamorous for government interference because official dry-nursing in any form is opposed to British instincts. Let us see what a paternal government does in the French colony. A proclamation published in the *Liberté* last month, and dated the

Nov., 1867, sets forth that, in consequence of the fact that the introduction of false dollars was becoming "a very great danger" on account both of their number and the skill evinced in their manufacture,

persons in charge of public monies are bidden either to receive or pay away coin. (The former provision evinces considerable astuteness. To make a receiver as bad as the utterer is a novel we doubt not efficacious way of people take care of their own interests.)

A TELEGRAM was received at the eve of the Reyer's departure, announcing the arrival of the P. & O. steamer at Galle from Bombay. Despatching her to Calcutta, she may arrive here at the end of the month. The Great Republic from San Francisco, so there will be plenty of work out for us, in a brief time.

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TO-DAY'S POLICE

Only a few cases of no great importance were before the Sitting Magistrate this morning. Two of whom drink had proved the reason, occupied the dock for a few minutes and were disposed of by small fines.

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of boasting, and cases to hear the sound
the distant drum, and the war
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o fails to dye his own beard, can do but
in that line to help others.

Kolk-Noor.—Noticing the Paris Exhibi-
n, the Krijer asks whether the term of
n, the writer (who, the last period of the
ndino ages, and worst of all) is over, and
St Siga (happy age) arrived, in accom-
pance with which has been foretold, to the
of that Christ's reign shall come. The
riter alludes to the good signs that are
the exhibitions and general improvements;
o establishment of railroads, of steam
ships, and other good works increasing
ity. "Oh! readers of papers, look
restfully and see how in France this
dition, arranged by the Emperor
the French, has engendered together from
sides works of art, and people to see
em; has this happened in other ages?
s, true, ancient works' show that in
mer days, when the kings of Hindoostan
ve entertainments, kings and princes
om other countries were invited and came
meet on such occasions; but where was
is kind of thing? The visitors were all
the country, frequent quarrels and
of discussions, quarrels, and public
nefit was manifested. Now, when we
ad of such things, we call this the age of
erfection?"

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE QZAR.—The re-
port which spread two months ago, of a
dreadful illness of the Qzar arose from an
incident which befel him while staying at
evadia, his Crimean summer residence.
is Majesty was entering the dining-room
with his family and suite, when at the mo-
ment of stepping over the threshold, the
falling fell down. In another instant the
emperor's family were all crushed in the
fall. The shock was very great.

THE ABYSSINIAN EXPEDITION.—Herr
rhard Rolfe, the well-known African tra-
der, the first who ever went across the
terior from the shores of the Mediter-
anean to Guinea, has been commissioned
by the King of Prussia to accompany the
Abyssinian Expedition. The requisite
mission has been granted by the English
Government.

The registrar of a parish not very far from
Lairgozie was sitting in his room, pub-
lconing, when a gentleman was announced
ho, having had an addition to his family,
ad called in order to get it registered. Af-
er a short conversation the man of books
quired what the youngster was to be called.
"Weel, I hanna just made up my mind
ut, but ca ye n' registrar? without ken-
ing, I'll call him 'Johnnie.' " "Regulated,"
at tell me what you want the child
named." "Very weel, then just ca' it
named; that'll do as well as any ither
ame." And "Duncan" was duly entered
the books, and the visitor took his leave.
he next day, however, the wife of the worthy
an burst into the room of the astonished
egistrar with this question, "Fa! the mied-
dies has she thev' registrar a name of
the child? he don't? I'll tell ye, she's
be bairn. Oh! but I'll Duncan him!"

"What is the matter, my good woman?
Have you taken leave of your senses,"
replied the astonished listener. "Leave o'
y-senses—the bairn's a lassie—confound
ou an' my man together; but just wait
e's got something this mornin', an' I'll tak
e o' it he'll get something mair gae. It was
yince hame, I'll tell ye, my dear, and
e must go to Perth in order to get it al-
tered. I can't alter my books myself."

Without waiting to hear more the good lady
et off at full speed for home, in order, we
conclude, to give her husband "some-
thing."

The nearest approach to a brute that
man can make is to become a mere creature
of appetite—a feeder, a toper. So long as
he is stupid, harmless lump; but deny him
his provender and he becomes a savage.
Govern the appetites, or they will become
tyrants, under whose bondage all that is
noble in the human character will be
crushed out of existence. Besides, indul-
gence of the appetites in time destroys
health; and what is life without health?
—Bras. On the 20th inst. Mary Jane
Mason, of our most popular vulgarisms have
their origin in some whimsical perversion
of language or of fact. St. Martin is one
of the worthies in the Romish calendar;
and a form of prayer to him begins with
these words,—"Oh, misere bête Martine,"
by which, by some desperate fellow, who was
never prone to punning than praying, has
been furnished the plectian phrase so well known
in the modern cant of horse-jockeys,—"Be-
lieve me, I'm a realising Pastor!"—An instance of
the ruling passion strong in death is thus
furnished by old Cook, who was known as a
quarrelsome and had amassed a large fortune.
On his death-bed, when his end was
approaching, a tallow candle was burning
upon a stand, a flickering flame in the fire-
place. Suddenly he called to his son, say-
ing, "Woodbury, come here." The son
approached him when the old man said,
"Woodbury, blow out that
candle; tallow's most as dear as butter."

A GENTLEMAN of festive tastes had been
at a dinner, where he drank freely, and did
not leave for home until very late. On
reaching the doorsteps, and fishing up his
latchkey, he became satisfied that he was
essentially compromised, and not in pre-
tension that condition which a husband
should be in married life. He was, there-
fore, entering the house, he stopped, listless
and nervous, heard no noise, and congrat-
ulated himself that everybody was asleep.
Quietly he took off his overcoat, drew off
his boots, slowly ascended the stairs to his
bedroom, hesitated at the door, believed he
was reasonably right, stealthily entered,
found the gas turned low, quickly appeared,
asleep, thought that he was "down,"
and, in a moment, his eyes began to undress,
go, most things safely off, was going to
quietly as bed, when the wife of his bosom
quipped the ad—"Coming to bed, dear?"
—"Yes, love." "Well, dear, hadn't you
better take your hat off?"

We learn from the *Newcastle Daily Jour-
nal* that a man, twenty-nine years of age,
died suddenly of a public-house attack, at
inquest was held on the 12th. His widow
was not present. One of the witnesses
said she had been asked to come, but re-
plied that the distance was too far to
travel; and "besides, what's the use of a
dead man to me?"

A conscientious witness told Best
not to swear that he saw one man kick
another, but he readily took his oath that
he saw defendant take his foot away from
the plaintiff three times.

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